

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as indicated:

1    21.    (previously presented) A method of petrophysical evaluation of an earth formation  
2           using a logging tool conveyed in a borehole in said formation, the method  
3           comprising:

4           (a)    obtaining values of a horizontal and vertical resistivity of said earth  
5           formation using said logging tool; and

6           (b)    determining a horizontal and vertical permeability of said earth formation  
7           using said horizontal and vertical resistivities, said horizontal and vertical  
8           permeabilities having a ratio different from a ratio of said vertical and  
9           horizontal resistivities.

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1    22.    (previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said earth formation  
2           comprises a sand component and a shale component.

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1    23.    (previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein determining said  
2           horizontal and vertical permeabilities further comprises determining a water  
3           content of said formation from said horizontal and vertical resistivities.

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1    24.    (previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein determining said  
2           horizontal and vertical permeabilities further comprises determining an estimate

3 of bulk irreducible water content of the formation from NMR measurements.

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1 25. (currently amended) The method of claim 23 wherein determining said water  
2 content of said formation further comprises:

3 (i) inverting said values of horizontal and vertical resistivities of the  
4 formation using a petrophysical model to give a first estimate of fractional  
5 volume of laminated shale in the formation;

6 (ii) obtaining measurements of density and/or neutron porosity of the  
7 formation and using a volumetric model for deriving therefrom a second  
8 estimate of fractional volume of laminated shale; and

9 (iii) ~~if said second estimate of fractional shale volume is greater than said first~~  
10 ~~estimate of fractional shale volume~~, inverting said horizontal and vertical  
11 resistivities using a petrophysical model including said second estimate of  
12 fractional shale volume and obtaining therefrom a water content of the  
13 formation.

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1 26. (previously presented) The method of claim 21 further comprising determining a  
2 vertical and horizontal resistivity of an anisotropic sand component of the  
3 formation, and determining therefrom and from at least one additional  
4 measurement selected from the group consisting of: (i) NMR measurements of the  
5 formation, and, (ii) a bulk permeability of the sand component, a parameter of  
6 interest of a coarse and a fine grain portion of the sand component.

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1 27. (previously presented) The method of claim 21 further comprising using a  
2 transverse induction logging tool for obtaining said values of horizontal and  
3 vertical resistivities of the formation.

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1 28. (previously presented) The method of claim 21 further comprising using an  
2 induction logging tool for obtaining said values of horizontal resistivities and a  
3 focused current logging tool for obtaining said values of vertical resistivities

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1 29. (previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein using said volumetric  
2 model further comprises using at least one of: (i) the Thomas-Stieber model, and,  
3 (ii) the Waxman-Smits model.

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1 30. (currently amended) The method of claim 21 ~~wherein~~ further comprising  
2 determining a parameter of interest ~~is selected~~ selected from the group consisting  
3 of: (A) a fractional volume of said coarse grain component, (B) a fractional  
4 volume of said fine grain component, (C) a water saturation of said coarse grain  
5 component, (D) a water saturation of said fine grain component, (E) a  
6 permeability of said coarse grain component, and, (F) a permeability of said fine  
7 grain component.

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1 31. (previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the at least one additional

2 measurement comprises an NMR measurement, and deriving the parameter of  
3 interest further comprises deriving a distribution of relaxation times from said  
4 NMR measurements and obtaining therefrom a distribution of components of said  
5 anisotropic sand.

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1 32. (previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the at least one additional  
2 measurement comprises a bulk permeability measurement of the anisotropic sand  
3 and deriving the parameter of interest further comprises:

- 4 A. obtaining a family of possible distributions of volume fractions and bulk  
5 irreducible water content (BVI) for the coarse and fine sand components;  
6 B. determining horizontal, vertical and bulk permeability values associated  
7 with said family of possible distributions; and  
8 C. selecting from said family of possible distributions the one distribution  
9 that has a determined bulk permeability substantially equal to the  
10 measured bulk permeability.

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1 33. (previously presented) The method of claim 32 wherein said bulk permeability is  
2 obtained from the group consisting of (I) NMR diffusion measurements, (II) a  
3 formation testing instrument, (III) a pressure buildup test, and, (IV) a pressure  
4 drawdown test.

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1 34. (previously presented) The method of claim 32 wherein determining the

2 horizontal and vertical permeability values associated with said family of  
3 distributions for the coarse and fine sand components further comprises using the  
4 Coates-Timur equation

$$5 \quad k = \left( \frac{\phi}{C} \right)^a \cdot \left( \frac{\phi - BVI}{BVI} \right)^b$$

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7 where  $k$  is a permeability,  $\phi$  is a porosity,  $BVI$  is the bound volume irreducible,  
8 and  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $C$  are fitting parameters.

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1 35. (previously presented) The method of claim 32 wherein determining horizontal,  
2 vertical and bulk permeability values further comprises using a relationship of the  
3 form

$$4 \quad k = C \phi^a T^b$$

5 where  $k_e$  is a permeability,  $\phi$  is a porosity and  $T$  is a NMR relaxation time, and  $a$ ,  
6  $b$ , and  $C$  are fitting parameters.

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1 36. (previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein  $T$  is a longitudinal NMR  
2 relaxation time.

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1 37. (previously presented) The method of claim 32 wherein the coarse sand portion of  
2 the selected distribution is characterized by an irreducible water saturation less  
3 than an irreducible water saturation of the fine grain sand portion of the selected

4 distribution.

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1 38. (previously presented) The method of claim 32 wherein the determined bulk  
2 permeability is a spherical permeability related to the horizontal and vertical  
3 permeability values by a relationship of the form

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$$k_{sph} = (k_h^2 k_v)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$